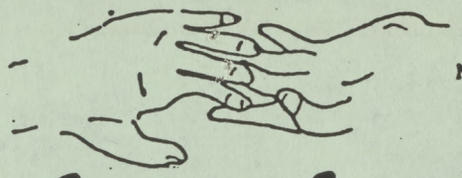

News and Notes from the Fellowship Offices

AUGUST 1984

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JUNE

TOP 20 TITHES
received by July 15
(In Amount Given)

MCC of the Resurrection - Houston, TX	$1496.79
MCC Dallas - Dallas, TX	1366.40
MCC of Greater St. Louis - St. Louis, MO	1209.09
Church of the Holy Spirit - Ft. Ladle., FL	895.89
MCC in the Valley - N. Hollywood, CA	869.10
MCC Long Beach - CA	808.99
MCC Los Angeles - CA	766.47
MCC San Francisco - CA	736.29
Christ Chapel MCC - Santa Anna, CA	608.78
New York MCC - NY	591.22
Seattle MCC - WA	531.15
Agape MCC - Fort Worth, TX	489.39
MCC Portland - OR	468.08
MCC Washington - D.C.	420.63
MCC of Greater Tulsa - OK	420.55
Joy MCC - Orlando, FL	401.44
MCC Albuquerque - N.M.	346.85
MCC Casa De Cristo - Phoenix, AZ	382.07
MCC Wichita - KS	334.04
MCC San Antonio - TX	312.41

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JUNE

TOP 20 TITHES
Received by July 15, 1984
(Per Capita)

MCC Anchorage - AK	$42.10
Christ Chapel MCC - Santa Anna, CA	29.27
MCC San Francisco - CA	19.12
MCC Long Beach - CA	17.86
Church of the Holy Spirit - Ft. Ladle., FL	17.20
Calvary MCC - Redwood City, CA	17.09
MCC of Acadiana - Lafayette, LA	16.43
Diablo Valley MCC - Diablo Valley, CA	16.42
MCC Harrisburg - PA	15.61
MCC of Greater Tulsa - OK	15.35
Church of New Hope - Waterloo, IA	15.30
River Cities MCC - Shreveport, LA	14.72
Christ the Liberator - Princeton, NJ	14.24
MCC Las Vegas - NV	13.65
MCC Ocean of Life - Costa Mesa, CA	13.57
Agape MCC - Fort Worth, TX	13.56
MCC of the Resurrection - Houston, TX	13.48
MCC Albuquerque - N.M.	13.29
MCC San Jose - CA	13.14

* * * PRAISES * * *

-MCC Buffalo - in New York, dedicated their building on June 17, 1984 with guest preacher, Rev. Brent Hawkes, Pastor of MCC Toronto, Canada. Buffalo's building is the first MCC owned property in the Northeast District.

-The South Atlantic District is exploring the possibilities of an 18th Church in their District!

-Congratulations to Ms. Sandi Robinson of MCC Columbus, Ohio who is the new Co-chair of the Department of Ecumenical Relations.

-Congratulations to Rev. Jose Mojica and Rev. LaPaula Turner who have been appointed as alternates to the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee.

-Congratulations to the following newly-licensed Clergy:

Rev. Bradley C. Anderson	Rev. Bruce Brown
Rev. Patricia Bumgardner	Rev. Joan M. Carlson
Rev. Ron E. Coons	Rev. Theresa DeMarco
Rev. Yvette Dube	Rev. Mary A. Frantz
Rev. Ruby Grammer	Rev. Karen Gregg
Rev. Sherry Kennedy	Rev. V. Patricia Litka
Rev. Patrick H. Mechem	Rev. Diane Miller
Rev. Jack Mossman	Rev. Margie D. Perry
Rev. Janet Pierce	Rev. Robert Pierce
Rev. Danny Ray	Rev. Sheila Rawls
Rev. Lanette Remington	Rev. Phillip A. Slusser
Rev. Charlotte Stryhorne	Rev. Steven Torrence
Rev. Pat Warriner	Rev. Emmett J. Watkins Jr.

-Congratulations to the following clergy who have been approved for Ordination:

Rev. Robert Copestake	Rev. Louis de Spain
Rev. B. J. McDaniels	Rev. Jodi Safier
Rev. La Paula Turner	

-Congratulation to Ms. Lois Luneberg (of MCC Ventura, CA., former Treasurer of the SW District) who is the 5th appointee to the UFMCC Board of Pensions. We now have a complete Board.

-Congratulations to the following new Mission Churches in UFMCC:

Good Shepherd MCC Riverside, CA	Oasis MCC Phoenix, AZ
MCC Louisville, KY	Faith Eternal MCC (Springfield, IL)

-Congratulations to the following new Chartered Churches in UFMCC:

MCC San Gabriel Valley, CA, Acadiana MCC, Lafayette,LA Redeemer MCC, Flint, MI

-Congratulations to Mid Atlantic District Coordinator Adam De Baugh & his lover Rick on their first Anniversary together.

GSS, COL
Meeting in Florida

The Commission on Government System & Structures (GSS) will be meeting August 8th through the 14th, 1984 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. According to Rev. John Gill, Chairperson of GSS, the group plans to review the feedback from workshops held in Districts & World Church Extension (WCE) areas based on the initial draft prepared in Kansas City. They will then complete another draft, copy, along with appropriate rationale for the changes. The new draft will then be distributed in time for the next District & WCE conferences.

The Commission on Laity (COL), will be meeting on the 8 August and part of 9 Aug.'84. According to Ms. Jackie Walker, Chairperson, the group plans on finalizing a "WORKSHOP FOR LAY DELEGATES" and discuss future plans.

* * * MONTHLY REPORT FORMS * * *

Please note the following procedure which should be followed for sending the Monthly Report Forms (ie Tithing forms):

(1) White Copy - to UFMCC office
(2) Yellow Copy - for the local Church
(3) Pink Copy - for the District Coordinator or Coordinator of Church Ext.

This is a new procedure, in that only one copy is to be sent to the Fellowship Office. At the next printing of these Forms, we will make the necessary notation on the forms. Thank you for you patience and cooperation.

* * * THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE * * *

The UFMCC SECOND International Third World Conference is being held October 5-7, 1984 in New York City. The theme of this years conference is "YOU SHALL INDEED GO OUT IN JOY AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE." Isaiah 55:12

Informational brochures, including registration forms, have been mailed to every congregation. More are available through the Fellowship Offices or from Rev. Renee McCoy - c/o MCC Harlem, P O Box 574, New York, NY 10030.

The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Emilie Townes from Chicago, who will share her experiences of pastoring a Third World Lesbian & Gay congregation, in Chicago. There will be workshops, worship services, panels, music and singing. The first night, of the conferences will be concluded with a party in the style of the Old Harlem House Parties. It promises to be great - see you there!

* * * ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY * * *

-Three Churches were Chartered, Four given Mission Status.

-Northern & Southern Australia were reunited as one District, with New Zealand remaining a Church Extension Area.

-Review of the 1979 "Ten Year Plan" is underway for the 1985 General Conference.

-Plans for General Conference are being made. Rev. Danny Ray was formally appointed Director of Music and Worship. The Convention Center in Sacramento is a beautiful, modern, attractive, air-conditioned place for General Conference!

-The appointment of women and Third World people to Commissions and Committees continues. More decisions will be made in November.

-"Referendum for the 21st Century" is the theme for Fellowship Sunday. Stay tuned!

-The Gay Christian was formally discontinued after two years without an issue. Long range planning for publications of all kinds were referred to a sub-committee of the Board of Elders to bring back in November.

-Plans are beginning for the first four-day Elders and District Coordinators meeting in February 1985.

* * * SAMARITAN NEWS * * *

Samaritan is moving! Effective Sept. 1, 1984, Samaritan Education Center will have a new home at 3327-29 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004. The new building will give us our first full library space with a separate office for the Librarian, three (3) class room areas to accommodate various size classes, student lounge with kitchen and bathroom plus offices for both the Dean and her Assistant. The move will give us about three times our current space and something totally new to Samaritan. Every room and office has windows! Praise God and join us in the move (meet at 10am Saturday Aug. 11, 1984 at the old "seminary"). If you can't come pray! Send all correspondence and calls to current address until Sept. 1, 1984.

Dean Sherre Boothman has hired Joe Totten as the Assistant to the Dean. Joe comes to us from the Washington D.C. church where he has served as Student Clergy in charge of membership development. Some of you might remember Joe as International Treasurer of Dignity or before that as the first office manager for the Gay Rights National Lobby. In addition to working to move Samaritan, Joe will be Student Clergy at All Saints MCC in West Hollywood.

* * * ATTENTION PLEASE * * *

The Reverends Jodi Safier and Robert Ridgley Copestake, will be ordained on August 25, 1984 at 7pm. The Rite of Ordination will be held at MCC San Francisco. All are invited to attend. Congratulations Bob and Jodi!

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FALL EXAM

Applications to take fall exams for CCCC is due Sept. 1, 1984. Hurry and get your application in. If you do not have an application, send your fees ($10/section + $10 for Study Guide) by September 1, 1984, To Rev. Claudia Vierra, 1015 East Jefferson, Boise, ID 83712 and an application will follow.